

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of February 25, 2019

Black History Month Commemoration, Health Regulation on Lead in Drinking Water, Accessory Apartments, Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan and Inspector General Nominating Panel

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

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COUNCIL



Board of Health Resolution to adopt Bill 2-19, Health - Lead in Drinking Water - Schools as a Board of Health Regulation

On February 26 at 9:30 a.m. the Council will introduce a resolution to adopt Bill 2-19, Health - Lead in Drinking Water – Schools, as a Board of Health regulation. Bill 2-19 would establish a County lead limit for drinking water that is stricter than the State of Maryland’s water quality requirement for lead in drinking water in public schools. Councilmembers Tom Hucker is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The bill also requires corrective action for water fountains and other water sources in public school buildings with lead concentration greater than the County lead limit. The goal of this legislation is to help ensure that students have safe drinking water at public schools. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190226/20190226_4A.pdf



Council Commemoration of Black History Month

On February 26 at 9:40 a.m. the Council will commemorate Black History Month. The commemoration will include a video segment and a panel discussion. The video segment focuses on the African American Historic Sites Project and the formation of the Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission. The video features members of the African American Historic Sites Project including: Christine Clarke (chair);

Charlotte Coffield, Warren Fleming, Anita Neal Powell, Patricia Tyson and Office of Human Rights Director James Stowe.

The panel discussion will focus on how we connect African American history with our efforts to create a Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy. This effort was started in 2018 with a [resolution](#) spearheaded by Council President Nancy Navarro. Panelists include: Shebra Evans, president of the Montgomery County Board of Education; Carolyn Lowery, Wheaton network builder for Impact Silver Spring; Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president of Montgomery College; C. Marie Taylor, president and CEO of Leadership Montgomery; Nate Tinbite, student at MCPS; Elijah Wheeler, deputy director and social justice director, Montgomery County Collaboration Council; and Rashani Ward-Williamson, student at Montgomery College. The agenda for the commemoration can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190226/20190226_5.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on Tuesday, February 26 at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.



ZTA 19-02, Clinics - Limited Uses

The Council will hold a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-02, Clinics - Limited Uses. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor. The goal of this zoning change is to streamline the process for having medical and dental clinics as an accessory use in certain zones. A Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190226/20190226_7.pdf

Key search terms for ZTA 19-02 on the Council's website include: accessory use, clinics, medical clinic and dental clinic. #MoCoMedical&DentalClinics is being used for this item on social media.



Amendment to FY19-24 CIP – Department of Transportation - Street Tree Preservation Program

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on an amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program – Department of Transportation - Street Tree Preservation Program. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190226/20190226_8.pdf



ZTA 19-01, Accessory Residential Use - Accessory Apartments

At 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on ZTA 19-01, Accessory Residential Use – Accessory Apartments. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. The goal of this zoning change is to streamline the process for having an accessory apartment, to help increase the supply of affordable housing. A PHED Committee meeting on this issue is scheduled for March 18. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190226/20190226_10.pdf

Key search terms for ZTA 19-01 on the Council's website include: in-law suite, cottage, basement apartment, accessory apartments and accessory dwellings. #MoCoTinyHouse is being used for this item on social media.

COMMITTEES



Supplemental appropriation to FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Recreation - \$17,016,000 for South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center

On February 25 at 9:30 a.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will review a supplemental appropriation to FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Recreation - \$17,016,000 for South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. This funding would provide for a new regional recreation, senior and aquatic center that will be co-located with the Elizabeth Square affordable housing project in Silver Spring. Those expected to attend include the following: Robin Riley, director, Department of Recreation; David Dise, director, Department of General Services (DGS); Greg Ossont, deputy director, DGS; and Deborah Lambert, Office of Management and Budget. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_P HED1.pdf



CIP Amendments: Parks

The PHED Committee also will review amendments to the Capital Improvements Program for parks. Last year, the Council approved a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FYI 9-24 of approximately \$220 million for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). In this off-year of the CIP, the Commission has requested four amendments to the approved CIP. The Executive supports two of the proposed amendments and recommends modifying the other two. In addition, the Executive recommends an Affordability Reconciliation Project Description Form (PDF) that reduces Government Obligation (GO) Bond expenditures by \$1.45 million starting in FY21 and spread over the last four years of the CIP. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_P HED2.pdf



Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan

The PHED Committee will close out its meeting with a review of the Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan. The plan focuses on neighborhood access to the anticipated bus rapid transit (BRT) stations, compatibility with adjoining land uses, potential redevelopment opportunities and improved connectivity. The plan extends approximately four miles, from the City of Rockville to the Wheaton Central Business District and Vicinity Sector Plan boundary. More information on the plan can be found [here](#). The Council held a public hearing on the plan on Feb. 7 at the Holiday Park Senior Center to hear directly from residents in their own community. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_P HED3.pdf



Briefing: Child Welfare/Protective Services

On February 25 at 9:30 a.m. the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will receive a briefing on the services offered by Child Welfare Services (CWS) and current trends impacting the programs. The presentation slides are provided at ©1-9. Some key points include:

- **Mission:** To protect children, preserve families, strengthen communities, ensure permanency and well-being for every abused and neglected child in Montgomery County.
- **Case Flow:** A schematic showing CWS case flow is provided on slide 4 (©2). Calls to CWS start with screening. Cases move to assessment or are referred to the Tree House Child Advocacy Center (Tree House), as warranted. Assessment determines whether cases are referred for Out-of-Home or In-Home Family Preservation Services or to the Tree House.
- **Case Types:** Physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and mental injury. Definitions and examples are provided on slide 5 (©3).

- **Investigative Response vs. Alternative Response:** The Department has implemented different responses to reports of child maltreatment based on the potential risk of harm. Investigative responses for medium- to high-risk cases involves the traditional investigation by caseworkers to determine whether abuse or neglect occurred. Alternative response, a less adversarial approach for low-risk cases, focuses on family strengths and treatment services to address weaknesses. See also slide 6 (©3).
- **Collaboration:** CWS collaborates and partners with many agencies, departments, DHHS programs, and community organizations, including MCPS (see slide 14), DHHS Special Needs Housing, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Local Coordinating Team and Collaboration Council, and criminal justice system agencies.

Those expected to attend include the following: Victoria Buckland, acting director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); JoAnn Barnes, chief, Children, Youth and Family Services, DHHS; and Lisa Merkin, administrator, Child Welfare Services, DHHS. The Council staff report can be viewed at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_HHS1.pdf



Briefing: HHS Office of Eligibility and Support Services

The HHS Committee will receive a briefing on the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS) and current trend's impacting the program's work. Some key points include:

- **Functions:** Three eligibility offices merged to become OESS: Income Supports, Health Care Eligibility, and Specialized Medical Assistance. The program serves low-income individuals and families in meeting basic needs including food supplement, medical assistance, child care, and cash assistance.
- **State Affiliations:**
 - **Department of Human Services, Family Investment Administration:** Food Supplement Program, Temporary Cash Assistance, Temporary Disability Assistance Program, and Public Assistance to Adults.
 - **Maryland Department of Health:** Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medical Assistance, Non MAGI Medical Assistance and Long-Term Care.
 - **Maryland State Department of Education:** Child Care Scholarship Program (formerly known as State Child Care Subsidy Program).
- **Federal and State Programs:** Applicants must file an application and meet each program's technical and financial requirements, including Maryland residency, U.S. citizenship or qualifying immigration status, age, disability, household composition, and work or educational requirements. Generally undocumented applicants are not eligible for federal and state programs except for emergency medical coverage.

Those expected to attend include the following: Victoria Buckland, acting director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); JoAnn Barnes, chief, Children, Youth and Family Services, DHHS; and Yvonne Iscandari, senior administrator, Office of Eligibility and Support Services, DHHS. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_HHS2.pdf



Update: Body-Worn Camera Program in the Sheriff's Office

At 2:30 p.m. the Public Safety (PS) Committee will receive an update on the Sheriff's Office body-worn cameras program, including experience to date, any unforeseen costs or challenges, and plans moving forward. Sheriff Darren Popkin is expected to attend. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_P S1.pdf



Briefing: Domestic Violence with MCPD and Sheriff's Office

The PS Committee will close out its meeting with a briefing on domestic violence with representatives from the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the Sheriff's Office. The briefing will provide updates on the following aspects of how domestic violence incidents are handled in the County:

- Red Flag laws and current experience serving these types of extreme risk protective orders;
- an update on the Family Justice Center (FJC) and departmental roles at the FJC; and
- data on the number of domestic violence-related arrests over the past three years, and an overview of how the Police Department investigates them.

Those expected to attend include the following: Sheriff Darren Popkin; Assistant Police Chief Marcus Jones, Investigative Services Bureau, MCPD; Dr. Raymond Crowel, Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services, Health and Human Services; Captain Sean Gagen, Special Victims Investigation Division, MCPD. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190225/20190225_P S2.pdf



Inspector General nominating panel interviews

On February 28 at 2:15 p.m. the Audit Committee will meet to interview applicants to the Inspector General Nominating Panel. The Audit Committee consists of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee and the Council President and Vice President serve as ex-officio voting members. The IG Nominating Panel consists of three to five County residents appointed by the Council. Members of the nominating panel must not be employed by the County or any independent County agency during their service on the panel. There is no political affiliation requirement with the position, and it is non-compensated. The Council staff report will be available on February 26.



CIP Amendments (continued)

The T&E Committee also will continue its review of CIP amendments for transportation and continue the discussion on the Bicycle Pedestrian Priority Area Improvements and the Veirs Mill Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects. The Council staff report will be available on February 26.



Discussion: Kids Ride Free and Youth Cruiser Pass Programs

The Committee will close out its meeting with a discussion on the Kids Ride Free and Youth Cruiser Programs. A panel of students will speak with Committee members and convey their concerns about the current programs.

The Kids Ride Free program provides free rides on County Ride On buses and certain Metrobus routes within Montgomery County to kids ages 18 and under (older if still in high school) who are Montgomery County residents. The free rides are available weekdays between 2 and 8 p.m. The Youth Cruiser SmarTrip Card is a rechargeable farecard sold only to Montgomery County residents 18 years and younger (older if still in high school). It's plastic, like a credit card, and is embedded with a special computer chip that keeps track of the values on the card. Monthly and summer passes are loaded electronically on to the card. The Council staff report will be available on February 26.